



PLAYING VOUCHER POLICY

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1. **PURPOSE**

Netball WA requires all participants in affiliated competitions to be appropriately registered to be eligible to participate. To achieve this at Fremantle Netball Association Inc., all Players must:

- Be registered as a Player in a Nominated Team for the current season, or;
- Purchase a Single Game Voucher for each game played in a Nominated Team, or;
- Purchase a Casual Fill-in Voucher for each game played in a Nominated Team.

The purpose of this Policy is to clarify how an individual can participate as a Player at Fremantle Netball Association Inc. if they are not registered as a Player in a Nominated Team.

2. **APPLICABILITY**

- a. This Policy applies to all Clubs and Entity Teams.
- b. This Policy applies during the Winter Competition.

3. **DEFINITIONS**

In this Policy, unless otherwise stated:

Association means Fremantle Netball Association;

Casual Fill-in Voucher or **CFV** means a voucher purchased to enable a Player who is registered at a Netball WA-affiliated Association other than Fremantle Netball Association to play a Match at the Association;

Club means any netball club affiliated and financial with the Association, and as otherwise defined in **Rule 11(8)(a)** of the Constitution;

Constitution means the constitution of Fremantle Netball Association Inc.;

Committee means the management Committee of the Association as determined by the Constitution;

Entity Team means a single team entering the competition at the Association that is not affiliated with a Club;

Finals Round means a week of finals competition such as the Semi, Preliminary, and Grand Finals;

Junior & Senior Divisions means the competition divisions for players turning 11 or older in the year of competition;

Match means a game of netball played between two teams on a scheduled fixture date of the Winter Competition;

Match Day means the day on which official Matches of the Association are played;

Members means all affiliated members of the Association, including Players, coaching and



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umpiring officials, volunteers, Clubs, and Club members;

Nominated Team means any team participating in the Winter Competition or Spring Competition, either through a Club or as an Entity Team;

Player means a person who is a registered and financial Club or Entity Team member and who is eligible to play in the Winter Competition;

PlayHQ means the national netball database used for recording registrations and facilitating competition management;

Points means the scoring system applied for winning or drawing Matches during the Winter Competition, with the total points gained during a season determining a team's relative position on the ladder;

Policy means this policy;

Regular Season means any Rounds that take place prior to Finals Rounds;

Set & Go Divisions means the modified competition divisions for athletes turning 10 or under in the year of competition;

Single Game Voucher or **SGV** means a voucher purchased by an unregistered Player to enable them to play a Match at the Association;

Spring Competition means the spring netball competition run by Fremantle Netball Association;

Voucher means either a Single Game Voucher or a Casual Fill-in Voucher;

Winter Competition means the winter netball competition run by Fremantle Netball Association.

4. THE POLICY

- a. A Player who is not registered as a Player in a Nominated Team and does not have a current Netball WA membership must purchase an SGV for each game played at the Association.
- b. A Player who is not registered as a Player in a Nominated Team and does have a current Netball WA membership must purchase a CFV for each game played at the Association.
- c. A Player who has purchased a Voucher is an eligible Player for one Match only.
- d. Vouchers can only be used for Regular Season Matches.
- e. Unless otherwise varied by the relevant competition handbook, there is a limit on the number of Vouchers that a Player is permitted to use before they are required to become a fully registered Player in PlayHQ and placed into a Nominated Team to take any further part in the competition as a Player:
 - i. In the Junior & Senior Divisions, a maximum of three vouchers.
 - ii. In the Set & Go Divisions, a maximum of five vouchers.
- f. Players using a Voucher agree to abide by all applicable Association policies and bylaws.
- g. Once an individual has played on one or more SGV or CFV:



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- i. they may affiliate to play with any Club or team, and;
- ii. games played on SGVs and CFVs do count towards eligibility to participate in final round Matches, if such games were played for the Club with which the Player will be playing once they have registered.

5. PROCEDURES

- a. Players or Clubs may purchase Vouchers on Match Day from the Association office.
- b. The cost of an SGV or CFV is determined annually and listed in the relevant competition handbook.
- c. All Vouchers are valid for one game only.
- d. A Voucher must be purchased and completed prior to the individual taking the court.
- e. Player details, as indicated on the Voucher, are required to complete the Voucher.
- f. SGV numbers must be recorded against the Player's name on the score card.
- g. CFVs must be recorded against the Player's name on the scorecard by adding the note 'CFV'.
- h. A Player utilising an SGV must be provided with the receipt section of the SGV.
- i. All Voucher fees are non-refundable and cannot be used as part payment for full membership.
- j. A Player using a Voucher is not eligible for any benefit other than the insurance coverage (where applicable) for one game only and participation in the Winter Competition on that day.
- k. All injuries to Players using Vouchers must be reported to the Association at the time of the injury.
- l. Details of the injury must be entered on the back of the Voucher stub.
- m. Where a Player is using an SGV, a copy of the receipt section of the SGV must be submitted with any injury claim to the insurance company.

6. MANAGING BREACHES OF THE POLICY

- a. In the event of a team playing a Player who is not eligible, the offending team shall forfeit the Match.
- b. Any further instances where a team who has been penalised under **clause 6(a)** in the current season plays a Player who is not eligible, the offending team shall forfeit the Match and shall be penalised a further two (2) Points.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The Association is responsible for managing Voucher uses during the Winter Competition.
- b. The Association is responsible for managing breaches of the policy under **clause 6**.
- c. Clubs and Entity Teams are responsible for being aware of Players who have used the maximum number of Vouchers and must register in PlayHQ with the Association to compete in any further Matches.
- d. Players using Vouchers are responsible for informing Clubs and Entity Teams for whom they intend to play a Match if they have already used one or more Vouchers with another Club or Entity Team prior to purchasing a Voucher for the upcoming Match.

8. CHANGES TO THE POLICY

This Policy may be cancelled, amended, or supplemented by the Association as and when it sees fit. Any variation will be given to Members in writing by the Association.



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The Association will review this policy on a regular basis to ensure that it remains effective in supporting the objectives and strategic direction of the Association, and to ensure ongoing best practice governance.

Signed

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Date